Piped Natural Gas (PNG) to other States subject to availability of gas, setting up of infrastructure facilities, and economic viability.

Promotion of battery driven bus

†2304. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item where it has been stated that IIT Delhi invented a battery driven bus;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to permit the commercial use of this bus; and

(c) what is the view of the Ministry regarding this bus?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) As informed by IIT, Delhi, further steps like assembling prototypes are required to be undertaken before the existing technology can be commercialized for different applications and capacities. Therefore, it would be premature for Government to take a view in the matter.

Review of Blocks under NELP-V

2305. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a review has been sought on entire evaluation process of two blocks i.e. Block D-3 and Block-6 in KG under NELP-V;

(b) if so, whether a review is being done; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) to (c) No, Sir. Block D-3 (KG-DWN-2003/1) falling in KG deepwater & Block 6 (GV-ONN-2003/1) falling in the Ganga Valley basin under the Fifth Round of the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-V) have already been awarded separately to two consortia. Block D-3 (KG-DWN-2003/1) has been awarded to a

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consortium of M/s Reliance Industries Ltd. and Hardy Exploration & Production India Inc.; and Block 6 (GV-ONN-2003/1) has been awarded to a consortium of M/s Cairn Energy India Pvt. Ltd., Cairn Exploration (No. 1) Ltd. and ONGC, subject to finalization of the Production Sharing Contracts with these consortia.

Expenditure on advertisements

2306. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the expenditure incurred by the public sector oil companies on advertisements of their products during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): The amount spent by the Public Sector Oil companies including their subsidiaries on advertisements during the last three years is given in the Statement.

Statement

Expenditure on Advertisements

(Rs. in crore)

Name of the Oil PSUs/ Organisation	Expenditure incurred on advertisements during the last three years
IOCL	275.35
OIL	2.96
MRPL	1.83
KRL	1.43
BPCL	154.90
CPCL	4.55
HPCL	148.56
BRPL	0.81
Biecco Lawrie Ltd.	0.06
NRL	1.44
ONGC	84.06
GAIL	59.87
EIL	0.59
ONGC Vedesh	1.37
IBP	9.22
Balmer Lawrie (BLL)	0.61